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PATENT APPLICATION

Docket: 15621.1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Byron Merrell)
Serial No.: 10/767,838)
Filed: January 29, 2004)
Confirmation No.: 2983)
For: RETORT HEATING APPARATUS)
AND METHODS)

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period which was set for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of a Nonprovisional Application dated May 28, 2004, in the above-identified patent application be extended for one-month until August 28, 2004.

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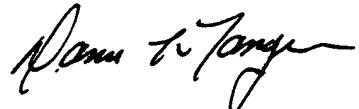
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connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 27th day of August 2004.

Respectfully submitted,



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